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NEW DELHI PLEASE PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM
SENATOR CHARLES H. PERCY

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJ: GANGETIC BASIN PROBLEM

SORRY I DID NOT RETURN TO WASHINGTON SO WE COULD MEET
BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE. BESIDES OBVIOUS PROBLEMS OF INDIA
WE WOULD HAVE DISCUSSED, PRIME MINISTER GHANDI EXPRESSED
GENERAL CONCERNS TO ME ABOUT THE SILTING OF THE BHAGIRATHI,
CUTTING THE FLOW FROM THE GANGA, CAUSING PROGRESSIVE
DETERIORATION OF THE HOOGHLY, POSING IN TURN THREE PROBLEMS
THAT PICKERING RESEARCHED FOR ME:

(1) SILTING THAT SERIOUSLY ADVERSELY AFFECTS CALCUTTA'S
PORT FACILITIES.

(2) INCREASING SALINITY OF THE HOOGHLY AT PALTA WHERE
CITY'S WATER SUPPLY INTAKE IS SITUATED,

(3) INABILITY OF INDIA AND BANGLADESH TO WORK OUT AN
AGREEMENT TO SHARE THE GANGA WATER FLOW WHICH TROUBLES
HER NOW WHEREAS IT WAS OF NO CONCERN TO HER WHEN IT AFFECTED
EAST PAKISTAN.

SHE MAY HAVE MENTIONED THIS TO ME, HOPING TO GET SOME HELP
BUT I COULD NOT BE SURE.

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